

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Watch for "The Man from Home."—adv.  
Ex-Judge Searle of St. Johns was in the city on business Friday of last week.  
Mrs. F. E. Boyd is at the Sanitarium in St. Louis with her husband.  
Charles H. Goggin was called to Isabella County on business Monday morning.  
Mrs. J. J. Osborn was called to Bay City yesterday by the serious illness of her sister.  
A special meeting of Alma Chapter No. 43 O. E. S. will be held for initiation, Thursday evening, December 16 at 8 o'clock.  
F. E. Boyd, who has been confined to his house with rheumatism for some time has gone to St. Louis to take baths at the Sanitarium.  
The friendly attendance contest between the Presbyterian S. S. of Alma and Mt. Pleasant is to close next Sunday. Much interest and a good increase in attendance has been the result. Up to last Sunday we had beaten them each week with a total lead of 80 points. Mt. Pleasant evidently put forth a supreme effort last Sunday and thus reduced this total so that we are now just one point ahead. The winners of this contest is the school that has the largest attendance next Sunday. Mt. Pleasant boasts of having beaten Alma in baseball, foot ball, basketball and a former contest. We should win this contest. We can win the contest. We will win the contest if you will come out next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Miss Nettie Weatherhead will give a special reading. Come and enjoy a real treat and help your school win.

### BUREAU SEEKING GOOD FERTILIZERS

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farmers to buy as it is a recognized fact that the greater the total number of units of plant food the less the cost per unit. They believe that these formulas will meet with all requirements of the Michigan farmers even though their methods of farming are various.  
So many factors effect crops, of which the fertilizers are but one, that it is almost impossible to make specific recommendation as to what formula should be used for any one crop. The farmer must learn for himself from simple experiments what fertilizers yield a profit under his system of farming. The following recommendations, which are very general are sanctioned by M. A. C. However, as indicated above, the consumer is in the best position to know his own needs. As a general rule a clay soil does not respond to potash. A muck soil usually has an abundance of ammonia.  
An important point to be considered before purchasing fertilizer is that farm produce is at a lower level than it has been in the last four years while fertilizers have maintained their high level. It is therefore evident that fertilizing practices which have proved profitable under war conditions may not give returns at the present time. It is not recommended that the use of fertilizers be discontinued, but the necessity of careful consideration is apparent. Acid phosphate is almost sure to give good returns; nitrogen and potash may or may not pay out. The user must decide for himself. When in doubt use acid phosphate.  
Summarized briefly one can consider the 2-8-6, 2-8-7, 2-8-4 and 0-8-10 brands as potato and truck fertilizers to be used on crops where the cash return will justify a heavy investment in fertilizers. 2-10-4, 1-12-2, 2-1-0 can be grouped as general all round fertilizers which can be used on practically all of the grain crops. The 0-12-2 and 0-8-10 are special purpose fertilizers adapted to clover and muck crops respectively. 16% acid phosphates will meet all conditions where in the opinion of the users, ammonia and potash are not necessary.  
Members are asked to get in touch with their Farm Bureau manager, as it is important that they assemble their orders at once. No fixed price can be given at this time because the State Purchasing Department does not know how large an order it can give; but it is absolutely certain to save thousands of dollars for Michigan farmers.  
Let us all give the Purchasing Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau a fair trial.  
The Farm Bureau office has been moved from the courthouse to the basement of the old bank building. When in Ithaca call and see what is going on and never hesitate to make suggestions as to what should be done.  
The Farm Bureau Manager is at the National Farm Bureau meeting this week and expects to return with many new ideas.

### EAST ALMA

Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, Plum street, are the proud parents of a son, Arthur James, born Tuesday.  
The Vincent Circle will meet on Friday afternoon, December 10th, with Mrs. Hearst, 1213 Michigan avenue.  
On Saturday, December 11, the Vincent Circle will have a sale of home made articles, and baked goods at the Highland Meat Market on Michigan avenue, opposite Geo. Rules store.  
Jack Eckles' Sunday School class, at First Presbyterian church, has challenged the Eastminster Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Geo. H. Dean, to play a game on Saturday afternoon at Alma College athletic grounds.  
The sermon by Wm. Amos of Alma College, also the Male Quartette, consisting of Amos, Peterson, Lyon and Perrigo, all College students, were greatly appreciated by the Eastminster congregation. The song by Mrs. De Young, accompanied by Mr. De Young, was a great help to the evening service.  
Mrs. Robert Grierson attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Martha Sherman, at Grass Lake, Sunday afternoon.

### ELWELL

Merle Forebush of Grand Rapids visited at the home of his uncle, Owen Courter, and family last week.  
Mrs. Sherd Roemine and daughter, Leona, and Wm. Anderson was Alma callers Thursday.  
Clarence Fairchild, Chas. Lewis of Alma, Ed. Crowell and John Crowell of Fremont, Ohio, drove to Long Lake Saturday.  
Chas. Slingluff is sick at this writing.  
Wm. Hutchinson and family spent Sunday in Alma at the home of Henry Coburn.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waber and son Dale, was Sunday guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. Waber, of Alma.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Welch of St. Louis were callers in Elwell one day last week.  
Mack Langworthy is on the sick list.  
Henry McLaughlin of Alma was an Elwell caller Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rice spent Sunday at the home of Arthur Murphy south of town.  
Guy Stewart of Alma was an Elwell caller over Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Melinko of Flint were Elwell callers last week.  
Mrs. Baker was an Alma visitor Friday.  
Henry Sandel underwent an operation for appendicitis last week and is improving rapidly.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corl visited relatives here Saturday.  
Miss Hazel Weatherwax visited relatives in St. Louis over the week end.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson was in St. Louis Friday.  
Wm. Medler of Alma called at the home of Chas. Slingluff Thursday.  
Mrs. Chas. Lewis of Alma spent Sunday at the home of Clarence Fairchild.  
Ray Madden and Carl Millikan

spent Sunday at the home of Marlie Slingluff.  
Miss Inis McCoy visited in Alma over Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Havens were Alma callers Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lindstrom celebrated their Crystal wedding, Thursday evening at their home south of town. About 30 relatives and friends were present. They received many beautiful and useful gifts.  
John Crowell of Fremont, Ohio, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.  
Mrs. Webb visited at the home of Owen Courter over Sunday.

### WEST PINE RIVER

Bob Fleming, who has been at the hospital in Alma for the past four weeks, has returned home.  
Miss Marian Bartley spent the week end in Mt. Pleasant.  
Miss Bernice Adams formerly of this place and Ray Helman of Alma were married last week.  
Jim Mills and wife spent Sunday in this vicinity.  
Miss Beatrice Barry was home on a weeks vacation.  
Chas. Leland and family of Alma have moved into our vicinity.  
Henry Sandel who underwent an operation last week is doing fine.  
Dudley Hoyt and wife are spending the winter in California on account of Mr. Hoyt's health.  
A. W. Cohoon and family have gone to Florida for the winter.  
Wm. Stitt and wife have returned from a visit with their son and family in Chicago.  
A miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Helman by her friends last Thursday at the home of Melvin Adams.

### TOWN LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler are living in Alma at this writing.  
Virgil Whitcraft was absent from school Monday.  
Bill Wheeler and Dan Carter were callers at Frank Whitcraft's on Friday.  
Mrs. Orville Howe entertained her mother, Mrs. J. A. Erskins and two grandchildren, and her sister, Miss Beatrice, from Alma Thursday afternoon.  
Mrs. Frank Whitcraft entertained company from Alma Sunday.  
Dudley Hoyt and wife have gone to California to spend the winter.  
Coming, "The Man from Home."—adv.

Wanted! A Sinner Who Can Add Zest to the Life of a Pretty Young Widow

Constance Talmadge Hunts For Him in

'In Search of a Sinner'



STRAND THEATER  
Thursday and Friday

### EMERSON

A. S. Maurer is having new lights installed in his house.  
Harry Carmon is husking corn for Roy Griffith.  
Elmer White is having a new shed built.  
Burglars visited the home of A. Dill Saturday night.  
Alva Shunk has purchased the Old Shunk homestead where George Pinkston is living.  
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have returned to their home in Jackson, after having visited at the William Reed home for the past two weeks.  
There will be a Christmas tree and exercises at the church Christmas Eve.  
Miss Inez Presler was home over the week end from Yerrington College in St. Louis.  
Harvey Basore took Mrs. Caldwell, Mercy Raymond and Mabel Dill to Saginaw Saturday.  
Maroon and Cream Play, Strand, soon—adv.

### 'The Lost City'

Chapter 2

### Strand Theater

Thursday and Friday

## We Take the Pleasure To Announce

We are the exclusive representative for the city of Alma and vicinity of

The Highest Class Talking Machine in the World—

THE INSTRUMENT OF QUALITY  
**Sonora**  
CLEAR AS A BELL

Winner of the Highest Score for Tone  
Panama Pacific Exposition



THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER **Smith Music Shop**

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## The Perfect Christmas Gift Will Always Be CLOTHING

Whether it is a smart coat or fashionable dress for Her—or a warm, good looking overcoat or well-made suit for Him—an outfit for the youngster—nothing will be so appropriate, so useful, so appreciated, particularly if selected from our fine new stock. Our merchandise and PRICES will please you. Every item in this complete collection of high-grade wearing apparel is

Reduced 25 to 33 1-3%

It means something to you to be able to purchase Holiday clothes at less than you could expect to pay when the Holiday Season is over.

There is no reason why you and your family should be without new clothes this Christmas. We will be glad to extend you the privilege of a CHARGE ACCOUNT. Just choose what you wish to buy and ask the salesperson to charge it; then pay in convenient amounts, either weekly, monthly or semi-monthly.

A man's credit is his most precious asset. Why not establish yours?

SUBURBAN RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

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208 E. Superior St.



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Winslow Bros.  
For Drugs

Chamber of Commerce  
For Alma

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Do Not Wait Until the Other Fellow Has the Article You Want From Our Stock

Furniture

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Picture Framing

ALMA, MICH.